IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert Coon

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For:

SEAL STACK FOR

SLIDING SLEEVE

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Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Giovanna M. Collins

Customer No. 36735

MAIL STOP AF **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 24, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe there are no fees due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0535/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.